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SUBJECT: INITIATION OF US GOVERNMENT FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

REF: A. AID HANDBOOK 8, SEC. LELA(5)

B. STATE 887495

C. QUITO 8601

D. TELECON ACKERMAN-DALTON, 12/11/75

E. QUITO 9107

1. I HAVE DETERMINED THAT A POTENTIAL CALAMITY EXISTS IN ACTIVITY NOTED AT THE COTOPAXI VOLCANO IN THIS COUNTRY WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE SERIOUS ECOLOGICAL THREATS AND THE MENACING OF LIVES AND PROPERTY, INCLUDING U.S. LIVES AND PROPERTY, REQUIRING MONITORING AND/OR PREVENTION MEASURES, AND WARRANTING U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. THE GOE REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE PROBLEM IN A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 15, 1975.

2. I, THEREFORE, HEREBY EXERCISE MY DISASTER RELIEF AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE UP TO \$25,000 IN CASH, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES; ALSO, TO UTILIZE, IF REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE U.S. RESOURCES IN ECUADOR.

3. UPON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS, I REQUEST IMMEDIATE AID/W
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ACTION TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL

SPECIALISTS AS PER REFTTEL B. I BELIEVE WE NEED THREE EXPERTS WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIALITIES: -A) AN EXPERT IN THE PREDICTION OF ERUPTIONS WHO CAN ALSO HELP TO INTERPRET THE SEISMOGRAPHIC DATA THAT DR. HALL HAS BEEN COLLECTING. (B) AN EXPERT IN CATASTROPIC MELTING AND MUD/ASH FLOWS. (C) A PLANNER WHO CAN HELP THE GOE ORGANIZE PLANS FOR MINIMIZING DAMAGE AND PROVIDING RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION SERVICES EFFICIENTLY. IN ADDITION TO NAMES MENTIONED IN REF B, RE (A), DR. HALL IS AWARE OF THE WORK DONE BY PETER WARD, USGS, MENLO PARK, CALIF., AND RE (B), THE WORK OF CRANDALL, USGS.

4. THE GOE AND WE ARE BOTH CONCERNED ABOUT AVOIDING PUBLIC ALARM ABOUT THIS POTENTIAL DISASTER OR MISINTERPRETATION OF OUR ACTIONS IN EVALUATING ITS POSSIBILITY NOW. ACTION ON THIS MATTER MUST THEREFORE BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY OR OTHER PUBLIC DISSEMINATION.

5. ADVISE WHEN SPECIALISTS MAY BE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE.
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